

SOCIAL AFFAIRS TAKE A NEW TURN OF ADDED INTEREST AND JOY WITH THE NEAR APPROACH OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

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SOCIAL affairs are the prettiest and most interesting at this time, probably, than at any other time of the year.

The cold and blustery weather of the outdoors makes doubly cozy and bright the glowing fires and the soft candlelighted interiors when dinner, tea, dance and reception are held. Then, too, the Christmas motif makes such a wonderfully pretty decoration.

One of these very charming pre-Christmas affairs is the bridge party being given in honor of a visiting matron, Mrs. Henry Cline, of Wharton, Texas, who is here the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Aldridge, by Mrs. E. A. Henning, at the attractive Henning home on Bliss street. The decorations are to be the most golden chrysanthemum which will be the yellow draperies and broadened interior of the Henning home. Miss Lesh Harris, of Amarillo, Texas, who is the sister of Mrs. Henning, will assist in receiving. A two-course luncheon will be served at the close of the game. The personnel of the guests includes: Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. F. G. Manquelette, Mrs. W. S. Haden, Mrs. W. L. Foxworth, Mrs. J. M. Bromberg, Mrs. V. E. Ware, Mrs. C. A. Wiley, Mrs. Grover Mulliken, Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. Robert Christman, Mrs. J. E. Ekins, Mrs. H. D. Sanders, Mrs. Robert Townsend, Miss Sallie Hahn, and Miss Zella Prater.

Many of the younger folk have begun to arrive to spend the holiday at the home firesides and there is much planning and discussion among both young and old as to gifts and party plans. Very pretty, too, are the benefit parties which are being given just now. The picturesque Red Cross shop opening and the jolly carnival kept many maid and matrons busy during the past week.

The youngsters, not to be outdone in patriotism, have kept right along with their elders. The Junior Red Cross has a most interesting booth at the shop and the youngsters have been as busy as could be with their collections of pretty articles made for it. A beautiful spirit of charity and helpfulness is prompting little Caroline Conley and a group of little friends to give a benefit program for the French war orphan drive in the drawing room and library of the Conley home on Saturday afternoon.

Very prominent on the social calendar is the benefit performance of the clever musical comedy, "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," which a coterie of talented society maid and matrons and officers and enlisted personnel of the 5th Cavalry are giving during the week-end. This group of charming girls has been very active during all the war days with patriotic work. Always ready to respond to any call in the name of patriotism and money, they will lend their talent and help make this venture a success, both from an artistic and financial standpoint.

On Saturday afternoon the officers of the Parent-Teachers' association of the city will meet at 2 o'clock at Bailey school for a conference in regard to a meeting to be held for all those interested in child welfare work during Mrs. E. A. Waters' visit to the city. Mrs. Waters, who is president of the Texas Congress of Mothers and president of the Parent-Teachers' association of the state of Texas, will arrive Tuesday.

A lovely affair will be the dance at the Women's club this evening, given by the Rainbow club of the High School. The boys and girls of the school set have been looking forward to this event with keen anticipation and it promises to be a most charming affair. There will also be the regular week-end dance at the Country club, which always proves a happy affair. A number of informal dances will be given prior to the dance.

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Also on Sunday afternoon there will be the matinee performance of the Red Cross benefit play, "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," and an evening performance. Another happy affair scheduled for Sunday afternoon is the Christmas party to be given by the girls of the Square club at the High School in compliment to the Women Teachers' association of the High School. The club room at the Y. W. C. A. building will be decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Wednesday afternoon the Wednesday Bridge club will meet with Mrs. William Deavitt. The cabaret team to be given under the auspices of the Equal Franchise league on Wednesday for the benefit of the French war orphan fund will be another of the many interesting affairs given in behalf of this fund. One of the pretty features of the tea will be the appearance of eight maidens in continental French costume, who will serve as waitresses. This tea will be given at Hotel Sheldon and those who attend will not only have a perfectly wonderful time, but will assist in a most worthy cause.

"An Evening in Spain" is to be presented on Thursday evening at the High School by the pupils of the school. Very interesting musical numbers will be given at this entertainment by a group of artists of the city, including Prof. George D. Owens, Mrs. C. J. Andrews, Miss Karma Deane, Mrs. Robert Holliday and Miss Virginia Bean.

On Friday afternoon the Aid society of the First Methodist church will meet with Mrs. W. A. Price.

Besides all these activities there will be the numerous details of the Christmas shopping to occupy everyone. Of course, everyone has done her shopping early, but at the very last moments there are innumerable odds and ends to be gathered up, and so the shops downtown will be crowded all day with busy, happy shoppers. Over at the Red Cross shop, tea will be served to busy, tired shoppers, who will enjoy the few moments spare. The maid and matrons at their various duties are busy and radiant over the good which is being accomplished there in the name of humanity and in the name of the Christ child whose birth is so soon to be celebrated.

Announcement is made by E. B. Welch of the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Miss Mary Louise Welch, to M. Austin Phillips, the wedding of the place on Christmas day. This news will be of much interest, Miss Welch being one of the most charming and popular members of the younger society set.

The Welchs gave up their home on Rio Grande street for the winter, taking an apartment at the Wright but will resume their residence at the Welch home, which will be the scene of the pretty wedding.

The committee of refreshments is to be E. B. Welch, chairman; Mrs. L. R. Reid and Mrs. E. G. Hill.

Immediately preceding the party, a brief business session will be held at which the wedding of the place on Christmas day will be given. The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Chairman, Dr. Burleson; Mrs. Vaughan Ward and Mrs. E. M. Ramsey.

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FOUR of the principals in the performance, "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," to be given at the Texas Grand theater this evening and Sunday. These performances are for the benefit of the Red Cross and are being given under the auspices of the Fifth Cavalry.

Eighth Engineers Give Semi-Annual Dance At Khaki Club On December 23

SEMI-ANNUALLY the officers and enlisted personnel of the Eighth engineer train, in command of Lieut. P. W. Tesche, give an elaborate dance. One of these dances will be given on Monday evening, December 23, at the Khaki club. The decorations will be in the Christmas motif, carried out, among other decorations, by a tinsel Christmas tree, with Santa Claus presiding. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. The chairman of the reception committee is Sergt. R. A. Sitzer, assisted by Joe Viola, Aaron Weiss, James Hinkle, John Wolf, Howard Call and David Calvin.

This is the second of the semi-annual dances. The other one was given at the Mesquero Indian reservation, in New Mexico, during their hike the last days of summer, when a number of El Paso maids and maidens who summured at Cloudcroft enjoyed the hospitality of the men. Army wagons were sent over the mountains to convey the merry party to the reservation.

Many letters of appreciation are being received by the Cheerful Girls' club from the Jewish soldiers at Fort Bayard showing their gratitude for the Chanukkah boxes of good things to eat sent to them by the club. Following is a letter received by Miss Emma Bohm, president of the club, from the New York branch of the Jewish welfare board:

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"We take this means to thank you most sincerely in behalf of our members and yourself for the great work rendered by your club."

Two very delightful programs, under direction of Walter Davis, were given Friday evening, the first at the remount station at Fort Bliss and a repetition of this at Camp Baker with the addition of two very clever numbers, a group of readings by Mrs. Henry Oliver Nichols, of Alamogordo, and violin selections by Mrs. Annie Nichols, of Alamogordo. The program follows:

Vocal solo, Miss Virginia Bean. Songs, Mrs. G. A. Martin. Reading, Miss Maybelle Elliott. Trio, Mrs. V. L. Bean, Miss Virginia Bean and Walter Davis. Duo, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Davis. Songs, Mr. Davis. Accompanist for the evening, Mrs. Bean and Miss May Duggan.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Davis will direct a program given at Hendricks sanatorium. The full program has not been arranged. However, among the numbers will be a group of songs by Mrs. G. A. Martin, songs by Mr. Davis and other entertaining features.

There will be a dance in the Knights of Columbus hut at Fort Bliss next Friday night, December 20, given by the Catholic women of El Paso. There will be a special program and several special numbers of fancy dancing. Those desiring to go will be met at the Sheldon hotel at 7:30 p. m., where cars will be waiting to take them to the fort.

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